

AB 8. (Amended) A method according to claim 5, wherein the quantity of coating deposited on said bottom is sufficient to enable it to cover the top edge of the article after rising up the side wall.

9. (Amended) A method according to claim 5, wherein rotation of the article is stopped after the coating has spread by the desired amount.

QC 11. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein, when the coating that is to be spread under the effect of centrifugal force is deposited, the speed of the article is zero or substantially zero.

Q5C 19. (Amended) Apparatus for applying a coating such as a paint or a varnish on an article having at least one surface that is substantially plane or slightly convex, the apparatus comprising:

- a dispenser member for depositing a predetermined quantity of coating in the fluid state on a predetermined location of said surface;
- a rotary support for rotating the article so as to spread said predetermined quantity of coating under the effect of centrifugal force; and
- an application member for applying the coating directly on at least a portion of the surface of the article that is not covered by the coating being spread under the effect of centrifugal force.

Please add claims 30-44 as follows:

Q6C --30. A method according to claim 1, wherein said coating is selected from the group consisting of a varnish and a paint.--

--31. A method according to claim 4, wherein said coating is heated to a temperature of 45°C.--

Q7C --32. A method of applying a coating on a hollow article comprising a side wall, the method including the steps of depositing a predetermined quantity of coating in the fluid state

on a surface of the article, and spreading it by causing the article to revolve, wherein the surface on which the coating is deposited lies inside the article and the quantity of coating deposited is sufficient to enable it to rise under the effect of centrifugal force at least part of the way up the side wall of the article and wherein rotation of the article is stopped suddenly after the coating has spread by the desired amount.--

--33. A method according to claim 32, wherein rotation of the article is stopped before the coating runs down an outside surface of the side wall.--

--34. A method of applying a coating on an article, the method including the steps of depositing a predetermined quantity of coating in the fluid state on a surface of the article, and spreading it by causing the article to revolve, wherein the coating is applied directly to a surface of the article which is not covered by said predetermined quantity of coating spreading under the effect of centrifugal force.--

--35. A method according to claim 34, wherein the direct application of the coating takes place simultaneously with rotation of the article.--

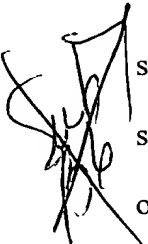
--36. A method according to claim 34, wherein the direct application consists in spraying.--

--37. A method according to claim 34, wherein the direct application is performed by a nozzle whose positioning and orientation are adjustable.--


--38. A method according to claim 34, wherein the coating which spreads under the effect of centrifugal force is deposited on a substantially plane or slightly convex surface at the moment when it is set into rotation and wherein a nozzle is used for applying the coating directly to the surface of the article, said nozzle being downwardly inclined and situated slightly above the periphery of said substantially plane or slightly convex surface.--

--39. A method according to claim 38, wherein said surface is generally rectangular in shape when observed from above.--

SUB 6 > --40. A method according to claim 39, wherein rotation of the article is stopped suddenly after the coating has spread by the desired amount.--

 --41. A method of applying a coating on a hollow article comprising a bottom and a side wall, said bottom having an outer surface and an inner surface, the method including the steps of depositing a predetermined quantity of coating in the fluid state on said outer surface of said bottom, and spreading it by causing the article to revolve.--

--42. A method of applying a varnish or a paint on a hollow article comprising a bottom and a side wall, the method including the steps of depositing a predetermined quantity of varnish or paint in the fluid state on a center area of said bottom and spaced from said side wall, and spreading it by causing the article to revolve.--

 --43. Apparatus for applying a coating such as a paint or a varnish on an article having at least one surface that is substantially plane or slightly convex, the apparatus comprising:

- a dispenser member for depositing a predetermined quantity of coating in the fluid state on a predetermined location of said surface;
- a rotary support for rotating the article so as to spread said predetermined quantity of coating under the effect of centrifugal force; and
- means for applying the coating directly on at least a portion of the surface of the article that is not covered by the coating being spread under the effect of centrifugal force.--

--44. Apparatus for applying a coating such as a paint or a varnish on an article having at least one surface that is substantially plane or slightly convex, the apparatus comprising:

- a dispenser member for depositing a predetermined quantity of coating in the fluid state on a predetermined location of said surface;